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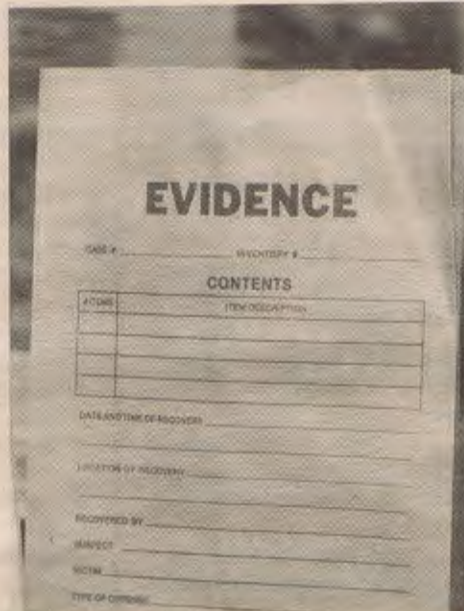
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DAMAGES, THEFT EXCEEDS \$5, 000 IN JANUARY VANDALISM SPREE



Oyster River Struck By Vandals



by Eric Sundberg

Sometime during the weekend of January 6th and 7th, vandals entered Oyster River High School, damaging half of the upstairs classrooms and stealing nearly \$5,000 worth of computer equipment from the physics room.

Police have yet to complete their investigation of the inci-

dent. Upstairs classes were relocated on the morning of January 8.

The intruder(s) apparently gained access to the building by breaking one of the stairwell windows opening onto the roof above the main downstairs bathrooms. From there, the intruder broke into, and took several eggs from Mrs. Anna Nash's room.

Then, the felons succeeded in breaking into and vandalizing the row of upstairs classrooms that face the parking lot. The intruder was able to open Mrs. Rous's door and enter the remaining room through interior connecting doors which do not lock.

Mrs. Rous's door was left open but still locked leading police and school officials to suspect that the vandal had used something similar to a credit card to unlatch the door.

No significant monetary damage was done to the upstairs classrooms. Books, desks, and eggs had been thrown about, creating a large mess. However, some teacher-prepared materials were damaged.

Mrs. Rous's room was

hit hardest by the vandal, leading to speculation that it was a personal attack on her. "There's no way of knowing, (but) I have no reason to suspect any particular student," commented Mrs. Rous.

Besides vandalizing the upstairs classrooms, the intruder also stole computers, printers, and software packages totaling \$4,874.90, from Mr. Perry's Physics room. These pieces of equipment will be replaced by the school's insurance policy. However, the school will have to pay a \$1,000 deductibly and premiums will undoubtedly rise, ultimately costing the tax payers more.

"We're ripping ourselves off," said Prin. Ann Brown. "I'm still sickened when I think about it... and incredible waste of person-hours, money and spirit."

According to Ms. Brown, this probably would not have happened if an intrusion alarm system had not been cut from last year's budget. The alarm sys-

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STEVE DENSON CELEBRATES 50!



Steve Denson receives a balloon bouquet and cake at the Merrimack Valley home game.

Driver who struck Tracey plea bargaining SUPERIOR COURT HEARING MARCH 9 BRINGS BACK LOSS OF TRACEY FOURNIER

by Tracie Peek

The New Hampshire DWI Prevention Council has asked ORHS Students Against Drunk Driving to write a letter suggesting a fair sentence to the driver of the car which killed Tracey Fournier last year.

Ms. Pat Rainboth from the New Hampshire DWI Prevention Council spoke to the SADD members Tuesday, on behalf of the Fournier family.

Last Year Tracey Fournier was killed by an alleged drunk driver. On March 9th at 9 a.m. Carl Ebenger, who drove the car which killed Tracey, is scheduled for sentencing in Strafford County Superior Court in Dover. County Clerk Donald Goodnow explained in a telephone interview that Ebenger has plea bargained with

the prosecution and is pleading guilty to "negligent operation of a vehicle."

If Ebenger doesn't agree with the judge's sentencing, he can withdraw his plea and get a jury trial, according to Mrs. Rainboth and Mr. Goodnow.

Ebenger has agreed to serve one to three years and pay a fine of two thousand dollars, lose his license for seven years, and to participate in a community service. Rainboth said Ebenger is from Colorado.

Ms Rainboth said the Fournier family would like people in the school to write to the judge and tell him what they think of the sentence Ebenger has negotiated. A cover letter

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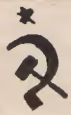


E.A.R.

Environmental Awareness Research

An Environmental Awareness Group is in the process of becoming a club open to all students. After February vacation, there will be a meeting open to all who wish to become a part of this group. The date of this meeting is Feb. 28 and it will be held in the Biology Room, room 9.

The groups purpose is to increase awareness among the students and community of pressing environmental issues. If anyone has any questions, contact either Eric Knapp or Tara Truelson.



OR Students, Faculty to Host 15 Russian Visitors in March

by Jim Poteet

March 9-22, ten Russian students and 5 Russian teachers from an English speaking school in Leningrad will be visiting Oyster River High School.

While here the students will be staying with host families, creating a good opportunity for them to sample American culture. Yet a couple of problems have arisen with some supplemental expenses and recent devaluation of the ruble.

Additional costs with individual health

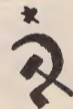
visit include host families and classes, but also planned trips to Boston, walking tours of Portsmouth, visits to the University, and possibly some skiing.

The five teachers will be learning new teaching techniques by insurance totaling \$1,000 and transporting the students and teachers between Durham and New York has prompted an appeal for financial help. The devaluation of the ruble allows each person to bring only \$16 out of the Soviet Union.

observing classes. Mr. Herlihy said, "We all are educators...wanting to learn."

Funding from the private sector has paid for some of these expenses, but more money is still needed, according to Mr. Alex Herlihy, coordinator of the visit.

The trip has for parts, he said: inter-relating with host families, attending classes, touring the local area, and creating friendships with American students. "They stand to learn a lot from this visit."



UNH Professor Replaces Mr. Perry

by Toby Mautz

Recently retired UNH physics professor Dr. Robert Houston is replacing Oyster River physics teacher Charles Perry, on sabbatical leave through June.

During the semester Perry is working to integrate computers into the physics program, develop labs for his physics classes, plan for the introduction to the physics course, and take a course at UNH.

Dr. Houston is new to teaching at the high school level. Next year he will have a position at the university dealing with students who have taken physics in high school. Therefore, he views his present work at Oyster River as a great opportunity because it gives him firsthand experience at this level.

One of Dr. Houston's challenges is getting to know his students and learn their names. Now that he is getting the names down he says, "I am enjoying Oyster River very much. I am having a good time."

At UNH Houston taught very large classes. He has wanted to teach smaller classes for some time and Oyster River provides him with this opportunity.



The physics behind

According to Keith Elwell, one of Houston's physics students, "Dr. Houston is not yet used to teaching at the high school; he is used to college; he goes slower than Mr. Perry."

Charlie Adkins also feels the pace is different: "Mr. Houston is a little slower and not as intense, but I am learning the same amount."

"Mr. Houston tends to rely on what you don't know where Mr. Perry relies on what you do know," stated Anne Simmons, who is in Mr. Houston's advanced physics class.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES INTRODUCES NEW COURSES

by Kristen Haley

The 1990-91 Program of Studies will include a few new classes and a lot of changes, school officials have announced.

Most of these changes will affect the business department where some classes have been restructured and given new names to try to attract more interest.

"Shorthand" is now a college prep class in note-taking. Typing classes are now keyboarding I and II,

both semester courses. Part I will be similar to personal typing while Part II will be on word processors.

Computer classes are also reformatted. There will still be introduction to computers, along with the new courses of computer education, computer application, and computer applications in business.

Mrs. Deborah Sheldon hopes that some of these classes will increase the interest and enrollment in the busi-

ness department. "We are trying to offer classes that people will use," said Mrs. Sheldon.

The Art Department is also offering a new course, sculpting, all three dimensional. Mr. William Childs says, "we need more 3-D work in art, more emphasis on solid forms."

With an over-enrollment in the art program this year, the art department has called on the help of shop teacher Mr. Ned Rollins who has a degree in the fine arts. He will be teaching the one semester class working Prog. cont. on pg. 11

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French/Spanish Honor Society Inducts twenty-four new members

by Jamie McKinnon

Last Thursday 24 Oyster River High School students were inducted into the French and Spanish Honor Societies at a banquet-type meeting in the library.

The all student run event started with the initiation of new members along with recognition of the old members.

New members of the Spanish Honor Society are: Roberto Acosta, Aaron Birch, Matthew Ginsburg, Kristen Haley, Amy Holmes, Gene Lyras, Anita Mathur, Cecilia Muzquiz, Sean O'Neill, Jason Pollard, Frank Sabin, and Karen Tagliaferro.

New members of the French Honor Society are: Frederic Bouisset, Marianne Cestari-Zecca, Stephanie Chasteen, Kyle Downey, Graham

Duncan, Kevin Haley, Christine Hamlet, Larissa Herold, Sarah Jones, Jessica Orkin, Eric Ritvo, and Jen Thompson.

The event was held in both languages in a side-by-side fashion.

Janet Moore, Sara Berndston, Laura Magidson, and Melissa Geeslin headed the rest of the second year members with the ceremony. Spanish Teacher Joan Schaeffer, and French Teachers Susan Smith and Stephen Lord chaperoned.

After the initiation a candle lighting followed by a poem recital. Certificates were passed out to the new members. The new foreign students spoke about how learning a foreign language is important to them.

An estimated 70 or 80 people attended.



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Vacation trips scheduled to U.S.S.R., Caribbean, N.Y.

by Scott Poteet

During the upcoming February and April vacations, ORHS students will visit New York, St. Johns, and the Soviet Union.

On Wednesday Feb. 14 Oyster River students left to travel in and around the Soviet Union, including places such as Leningrad, Estonia, Moscow and Helsinki, Finland. Students and chaperones will be returning on Feb. 26.

The cost of the trip is \$1,640 excluding some expenses. Advisor Alex Herlihy has organized a similar trip in the past. He feels that the highlight of the trip will be visiting English speaking schools which will give the OR students the opportunity to make new friends.

On the importance of the trip, Mr. Herlihy said, "We cannot be complacent about good relations between different cultures. We have to take an active role in getting people together."

April 19 a group of students and faculty will depart from Logan Airport heading for the Virgin Islands. The cost of this trip is \$600. Advisors are biology teachers Robert Byrnes, a past tourist of St. Johns, and Michelle Housman. They plan to explore the island's mountains,

tropical areas, beaches, and other geographical features.

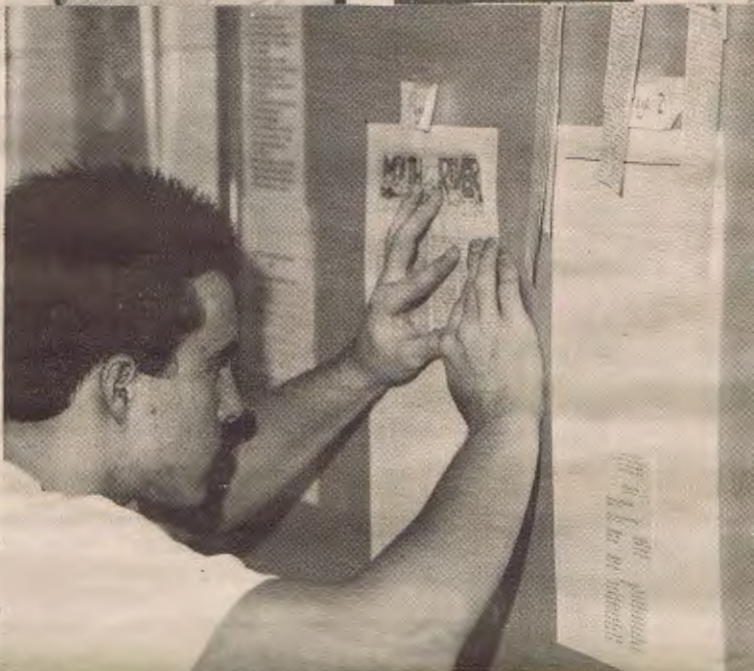
they also plan to snorkel, charter a sailboat, visit the British island of Borda, and meet native ethnic groups in village markets.

Persons interested in this trip may contact Mrs. Housman or Mr. Byrnes.

English teacher Richard Tappan is leading the trip to New York City April 25 to 28. The cost of this trip is \$290 plus meals. The \$290 includes theater tickets to three plays, hotel, tours, and historical monuments.

The students will attend three plays including "Meet Me in St. Louis," "The Fantasticks," and "The Circle." They will also see the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building.

Tappan feels that exposure to a multi-cultural urban setting is especially good for students from a white, middle class, suburban environment, and, he said, "we'll also have a lot of fun."



Seniors Jason Pollard, Karen Gooze and Michael Jackson were among eight students accepted early to college.

social event

Senior Class officers Consider "Lock In"



Senior class pres. Bill Myers

by Shelley Peters

President Bill Myers and senior class officers are planning an activity called a "lock-in."

All seniors would come to school in the early evening and be

locked in the building, unable to leave until morning. The gym, stage and cafeteria would be open for music, food and movies. This activity has not yet been approved by the administration, Myers said.

The junior/senior

Intramural volleyball CLAMSLAM TO BEGIN FEB. 26;



ski trips scheduled for January 26 and February 1 were cancelled. According to Myers, the class couldn't find chaperones.

Teachers were not available because of a teacher's workshop. The trip on January 26 was rescheduled for February 1 at King Pine. However, few people were interested due to the small mountain and the lack of snow, said Myers.

Myers says finding a day to schedule a trip that doesn't conflict with sports is a problem. Also, "Juniors and seniors don't want to ride on a bus; they'd just as soon take their own cars. We're always looking for suggestions," says Myers.

Senioritis Sets In



Early admission a relief for a few lucky seniors

by Jason Wall

Eight Oyster River High seniors have had their dreams confirmed by the way of early admissions, according to the guidance department.

Jason Pollard, Mike Jackson, Karen Tagliaferro, Karen Gooze, Jeremy Ward, Tina Mennel, Lisa Barney, Marlili Cuesta and Sarah Gillespie are among those who have opened their fateful letters of acceptance.

Guidance officers Mrs. MacKay and Mr. Hall commented that some students have not notified the guidance office yet, and the results of the recent UNH admissions are not available at this time.

Among those admitted early, Marlili Cuesta, commented, "I was thrilled! I was so happy...and relieved." Marlili was accepted by the Univ. of Pittsburgh, her second

choice in colleges. She wants to major in international leisure management.

Sarah Gillespie, who wishes to major in nursing, was accepted by Wittenburg in Springfield, Ohio. "I was so surprised, I had to read it twice," she said.

Mike Jackson, who is to attend Bowdoin College in Maine, commented, "Once you are accepted to a college, the only pressure is to maintain the same grade point average. This is so much easier to do once the college pressure is off."

Jason Pollard is to attend Dartmouth. Karen Gooze will attend Columbia. Lisa Barney has been accepted at UConn, and Karen Tagliaferro at Bates. Tina Mennel is to attend St. Olaf's in Minnesota, and Jeremy Ward has been accepted at Ithaca.

TEACHER WORKSHOPS AND THE CHAPERONE DRAIN

Teachers in the Oyster River School District spend four days in teacher workshops during the school year. It would seem that these days in which school is not in session would be a good chance for classes to schedule activities and take advantage of low midweek crowds, but this is not the case. District policy requires that teachers attend one of a choice of educational seminars on these days, creating a severe chaperone drain (school field trips require at least one employee of the district to chaperone).

This year both the junior and senior ski trips had to be cancelled because there wasn't anyone from the school who was available to chaperone. The question is, which is more beneficial to the students (who in the long run are the bottom line): help on class activities or mandatory workshops? Many teachers will admit that there are often no workshops offering beneficial subjects for them.

The answer would seem to point toward the latter. First, trips which can bring the class together are important in creating a positive educational environment, and the teacher workshop days are perfect days to schedule these activities.

Second, the fact is that many of the teacher workshops are not especially beneficial. The choice of workshops is often limited and not all fields of instruction which are represented at the high school are represented by a respective workshop. Is an advanced math instructor really going to become a better teacher by attending a lecture on basic algebra?

There is a place for workshops, but there is also a place for a teacher to be excused from them if they are better able to help the student body in another manner. If teachers were allowed to petition the district to be excused from their workshop duties in order to help one of the classes, there would undoubtedly be little difficulty in getting chaperones for trips and activities.

Rules which are hard and fast are the worst kind and the district's workshop policy is an example of this. Schools exist to help the students and it seems they could best serve this purpose by being a little bit flexible.



Creative winter parking at ORHS

Junk Food Price Hikes Justified

Tuesday, the first day back from Christmas break, ORHS students were angered by the 25 per cent increase in prices on ice cream and breakfast snacks. The increase in the price of food was everywhere, said school lunch director Susan Lukas. She was faced with a tough decision: how to raise prices to meet the increased costs. She found a creative solution which we endorse.

Ms. Lukacs had to meet the increase by either raising the prices on all food, raising only the food bought most frequently, or raising the prices of the snack food and keeping the nutritious food as low-priced as possible.

For the lunch program to support itself, food prices must cover the increase, customers must be kept happy, and the program must provide nutritious foods at lowest cost possible.

Raising the prices on all the food or just the items most frequently bought would solve the money issue, but it wouldn't keep customers happy. Moreover, the prices of the nutritious food will rise causing many students to look for other alternatives like snack food for lunch.

Ms. Lukacs felt that if "we raised the prices on the snack food in order to keep prices low on the nutritious food, "students would keep buying the healthy items and there would be enough profits to satisfy the price increase.

The decision Ms. Lukacs made was indeed the best way to handle the increase. Her choice covers two out of the three actual issues, and students should support her decision.

COMMENTARY

CLASS ACTIVITIES - WHEN???

by Miss Smith
Mrs. Tagliaferro

Ski trip, movie night, the works, ... when? Scheduling class activities is like working in the Logan tower in the fog!!

"How about a pizza and movie night for our class some Friday night?" "Great! Let's check the open dates." "Well EVERY Friday night is booked with sports or other activities from the beginning of November right through February - what about March?"

This is a typical conversation at weekly class officers meetings. In scheduling, sports and whole school activities take priority and are put on the calendar the previous year. At Oyster River over 65% of the student body participates in athletics. Also many students are involved in the music and drama programs. The classes have to lobby for the very few remaining open dates. Open dates are rare and are extremely difficult to find in the fall as the sports schedule is especially heavy then. This year 198 students played on 10 different teams.

Planning activities that are inexpensive and include the majority of students adds to the dilemma. There are no class dues and the major junior and senior activities such as the prom and senior banquet cost thousands of dollars. Supervision is another hassle. If the school

sponsors an activity, it must have chaperones. Most teachers and parents have multiple responsibilities and are not always available.

There is a conscious effort not to schedule many senior activities in the fall. It is important that seniors earn good grades during first semester and concentrate on their college applications.

This year the seniors have had a dance, a pizza party in the courtyard, a pot luck dinner, pajama day and a trip to the Works. Class members wore arm-bands for spirit in September and decorated the upstairs hall with a large welcome back poster. A mini birthday party is held each month with free cupcakes and ice cream.

Most major senior activities are held in the spring and include baccalaureate, senior follies and senior banquet. A boat trip and an afternoon of mini-golf may also be scheduled.

This year the junior activities have included a car wash, a barbecue, a dance, the works, valentine sales,

clam slam practice and a skating party - coming up - movie and pizza night at the Tin Palace on Friday, March 16th.

Please support your class. Additional activities may be possible, but help is needed from all class members. If you have ideas, share them with your class officers and advisors. Volunteer to work on a committee for the prom or follies.



Letter to the Editor

To The Editor:

The difference between the degree to which teachers and students are permitted to share their religion by administrator applications of school board policies sends a distinct message about Oyster River values.

As an example of this discrepancy consider that students are not permitted to explore Biblical religion after school, but students are impressed with religious values when they are taught the discipline of meditation by Mr. Mroz and when they choose to study Tai Chi under Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Mrs. Brown said that she won't "okay" a Bible

study because of the school board's "closed forum" policy, and that, along with Mrs. Winterbottom, she feels hosting a Bible study would violate the First Amendment.

The school board limits extra-curricular activities thus: "Before and after school use of facilities is restricted to those student groups which are related to the school curriculum."

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Editor's Note

Mr. Mroz, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Fitzpatrick and others may wish to comment on the issues raised in this letter. M.O.R. will provide space for a complete airing in the next issue.

Sadie Hawkins Dance Attracts 78 Couples for Semi-Formal Event

by Jessica Thibault

February 3 from 8:00 to 11:00, 78 couples attended the student council annual Sadie Hawkins Dance at the high school.

The turnout was almost the same as last year.

The D.J., Turning Circles, accepted requests all night. "the D.J. played a wide variety of music, but not enough Zeppelin," said senior John Gray. However, many who attended felt this year's D.J. was an improvement over last year's.

Kay Whitten, student council advisor, and 12 of the 17 student council members prepared for the dance Saturday afternoon.

Other council members shopped for decorations and food or sold tickets.

The weekend storm threatened to postpone the dance to the next available weekend, March 23. When the snow let up, the dance went on as planned.

The student council was more concerned about breaking even than raising money. After paying \$400 for the D.J. and other expenses, the council did make a \$150 profit which will be added to their treasury.

Nine chaperones attended the dance: 4 parents and 5 faculty members, no more than is required for an ordinary dance. Mrs. Whitten said, "Because everyone was dressed up, behavior was more refined and in control."

There was no apparent problem with any drinking which has been a factor in past dances. Senior Sean Fitzgerald added, "I thoroughly enjoyed myself. I think people should loosen up and have a good time. I proved that you don't need alcohol to have good rowdy fun."

Principal Ann Brown, one of the chaperones, added, "It was great. I liked the D.J. Everyone looked sharp and it was really fun."

nineteenth-century melodrama took place February 5th and 6th and according to Steve Denson received the enthusiasm he had expected.

The play features Emily Franzosa and Ben Stamper as heroine and hero. The cast will follow the original 1846 script. Performances will be held March 9th and 10th.

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must also be sent to Donald Goodnow, asking the judge to read the letter and be put on file prior to sentencing, she said.

The Fournier family would like students to write something about Tracey, her personality, and the student's relationship with her. Students should explain why they believe that the sentence being considered is not appropriate.

Letters should be addressed to Judge Joseph Nadeau. The address is:

c/o Donald Goodnow
Strafford County
Superior Court clerk
Justice and Administration Building
County Farm Rd.
Dover, N.H. 03820

Mr. Rainboth would also like a copy of the letter which can be sent

to: Pat Rainboth

N.H. DWI Prevention
Council
P.O. box 1248
Dover N.H. 03820

She asked students to send letters the week of the trial. Letters not sent on time Ms.

We reflect on ourselves...
"What am I really like?"
on each other...
"What is he thinking?"
Remembering how we've grown
in the things we've done,
We reflect on our past
and our possibilities
for the future.

--Tracey Fournier

Rainboth will pick at ORHS, she said.

"Obviously as a group we don't think someone who cut short the life of one of our peers is only going to give up one year of his life," Karen Swenson of SADD said.

"The Inundation" features Cast of 24 In story of Flood

by Jen Marshall

Stephanie Adams and Tim Myers will head-up a cast of twenty-four in the spring production of The Inundation by Thomas Archer.

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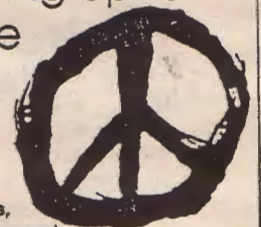


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I love you my little pumpkin,
my sunshine, my sweetie, my
Cone and only. Sean (HON)

Chicken-
On V-Day, I'm your
slave, be gentle.
Johnny G.

Happy Valentines Day
Are you doing anythi
C.G. over vacation?
I LOVE YOU!!

To Jim- A.G. Guess Wh
In the sunshine, hanging
from a clothes line!
We love you!

JAM
Karen to chica, Eres muy
simpatica- concariño
Feliz V.D. Marlili

How's my C.B.F? Marlili
"The peoples is
standin in the way"

Kath- forget window shopping, HK
I want to take a long walk
through the "woods" for about
four months or so!!

To the JV basketball team,
good luck in the b-ball
tournament and have an
awesome vacation!

CHEERLEADERS...
SOME THINGS WERE JUST
NOT MEANT TO BE....

If you were really Michael Jackson,
you'd moonwalk over Laconia.....
from a fan

TM-The time we share can never be
replaced. I LUV U! Dear Denise,
I'm out there waiting for you; you just
haven't looked hard enough!

Man of the world
Man of the world,
Will you be mine?
K.W.W.

Will you be my valentine,
Boonie? Love ya,
Fitz.



Mark, YES, I am
incinuating, I
love you
-Nicole

Tara, You FFPP
From: who do you think? Nice feather bed.
Gillian-happy V-day!
I'm still watching you.
love?

PJ- Seth is waiting!!!
Russ+Merideth,
We've heard everything
you've done

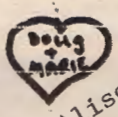
Next time we play, you
better play fair in that
don't push to my side of
the road.

Nicki, Wine me, dine me,
96 me-JV+M
Kev- the little red-ha.
girl is waiting!!!!!!

I LOVE Nicole B.
Mark
Alison, I want some gum!
Happy V-Day SMG

Rod- Doug-
Roses are red
Violets are blue
You may be short
But I still love you
"I love your peas"
-Pufferfish

Tara- He's mine.
Eric, It's too bad for them that
they don't know what we
know. I love you.
Happy Valentines Day.
-Tara



B.D.K.- Tree limbs can be
very interesting???

Mrs.Houseman;
I think I love you.
-Dunc

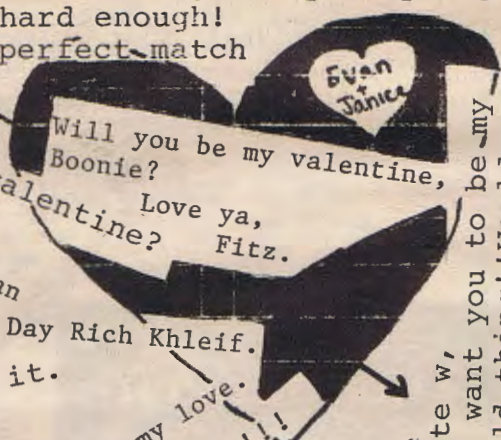
OH, NOOO!
I love you, buddy.
-your favorite
complainer Binky

To little Jimmy
Love always S.I.

R.M.W.
I want you to be mine.
Love, Me
Dear Nicole Bellabona
Let me count the ways
I love you.
one-one thousand
two-one thousand

Ann Slippy,
Happy Valentines Day
Jeff R.

EDITORIAL
If your r
not prim
will be a
the caf.



Cheri- We miss you!!
Sis



Scotti, I LOVE YOU!!!
-Scotti

from somebody
Secret Admirer,
We're waiting, horse cost
and the white RSV,
us a lot! -the DUDES

Dear Jen,
Why worry? Be happy.
It's only a movie and June 15
is just around the corner!
who likes you.....

Scott- since it is -Day Dear Vall-
and one's heart should be
open and giving
-Today, my pocketbook is
yours
-Go ahead have some gum (like
you'd wait for my permission
anyway! HAI!)

-3.14 -
RRR, MMM, Biglo, Velcro
See you at town hall rd?
Little g where are you?
Antonio + Govani
-siempre S.I.

Heather & Heidi,
Happy Valentines & Birthday
Shepard

-Jordan, Scott, You sweep me off my feet!
-Scott, You pick Carl!!

Ode to the most in my life--

DEE, beautiful lady
Violets are red,
Roses are blue,
Flowers are pretty,
and so is your head!!!

Pam- You stir my woman hood.
Come to me, I want to sing
to you. You'll always be my
"Cover Girl"

Tim,
I've got the chocolate pudding could you pick Carl!!
up the cattle prod and spatulas? I'll be
heating up the Jello pit, don't be late-
I'm ready.
Your S.A.

Hope- Thanks for Merck-
-Guys V-Ball tea friend. Say hi to your mom for me.
managing!!!

David: Let's go knock on heaven's door!
Amor,
Donde quiera que estes.
Yo te encontrare.
C. ILILRAM

Just remember this my girl
when you cook up in the sky
you can see the stars and still
not see the light...
That's Right!!

Fitz,
I don't need you
I don't want you
and I know
I don't love you!
Shepard

Chris G,
My L.E.B.
Turn it up to High.
Love, L.E.B.

Brother John,
Here's to
the "G" word
Chuckie-
Gonna miss ya! Happy V-Day.
Don't have too much fun!!!

Becky Bucar- Your eyes are like the cool
Mediterranean Sea shining in the moonlight.
Your hair is like the finest silk of Europe.
Your Secret Admirer

T. Tara- Eric + I love you!
Cherry cheer? Maybe not!! Luv ya.
J.

Jeremy,
"Chemical Equation"
It never meant so much!
Keith-
I miss you!
-An old friend

To Gillian and Dave
Dear Dee,
I don't really
think you're a
rotten kid! ADB

L- If it tastes good...G
Bryan,
I've always had a
passion for you.
H.J

Jason, I love you. Happy Valentines Day.
S.S I love you - S.M

Tait-
Happy V-Day!
Frances

Dear S,
I'm yours forever.....
Love,
N

Happy Valentines Day to
Kilo is Page!
Dena and Toot
"In the basement"

Dave Delude-

Let's have some fun!!!!!! I LOVE you + your teddy bear!!!!

Holly MacKay-
Tantas curvas y yo sin frenos
Matt K.

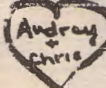
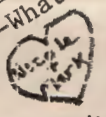
Jonah-
You are the best!!
Let me wear your shirt!
-Lesley

Hey AG,
They're racin'
at Jacksons!

To Casey and Melissa -
Keep up the good work!
From an admirer

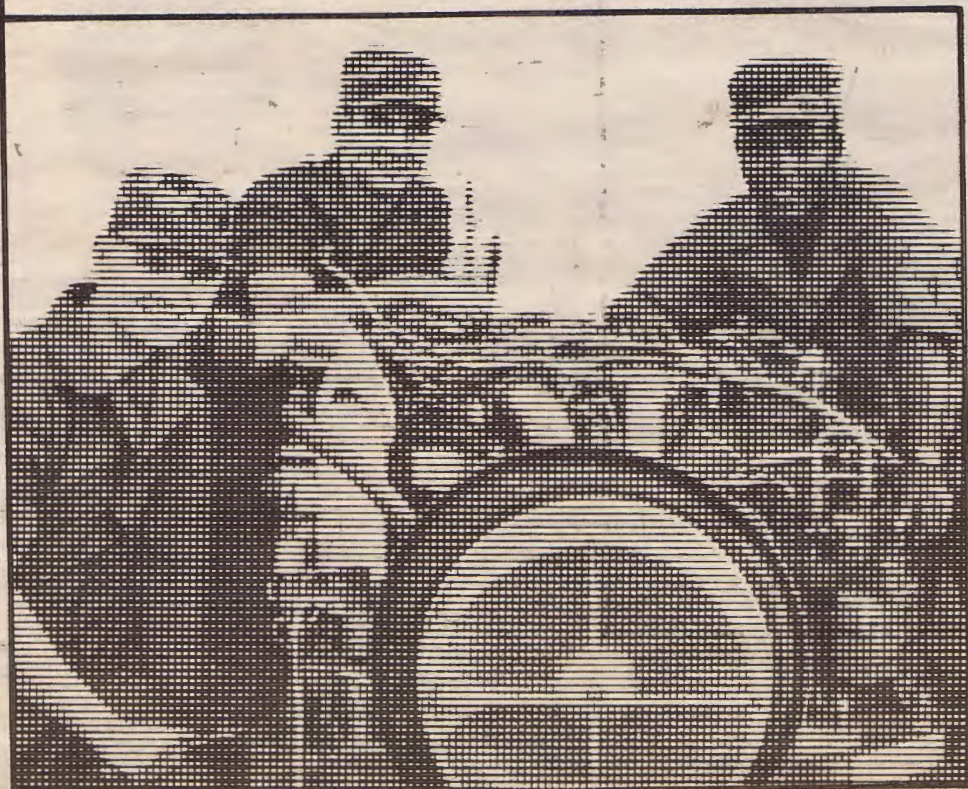
Dearest Emily F-
Please be an 1990 spokesmodel-
you're just the girl we're looking
for.

I love Nicole B. From her
very nice boyfriend. I LOVE
YOU!!!
-Mark D.



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Interns Take Over Several courses for Second Semester

by Brian Killgore

After one semester of waiting, four full-time interns at Oyster River will get their chance to find out what teaching a full schedule is all about. Michele DeVivo, John Lyne, Lynne Patterson, and Amy Waters are taking over their supervising teachers' classes.

"It'll be fun," said Mr. Lyne who will be teaching writing workshop, world cultures, and English literature classes for a two week period in April. "We've all had a taste and now we're hungry," he joked.

"Yes, I'm looking forward to it and yes, I'm nervous," said Ms. DeVivo about taking

over writing workshop, popular literature, and essentials to high school English classes for two weeks. "I have a chance to work on some of the problems I had during first semester."

The supervising teachers for the interns are all happy with their performance so far and are confident they will do well in handling the extra responsibility. "I think she's excellent and very enthusiastic," said Mrs. Emma Rous about Ms. Peterson. "This is an opportunity for her to find out what a full schedule is like."

Elizabeth Dodge had similar things to say about Ms. DeVivo:

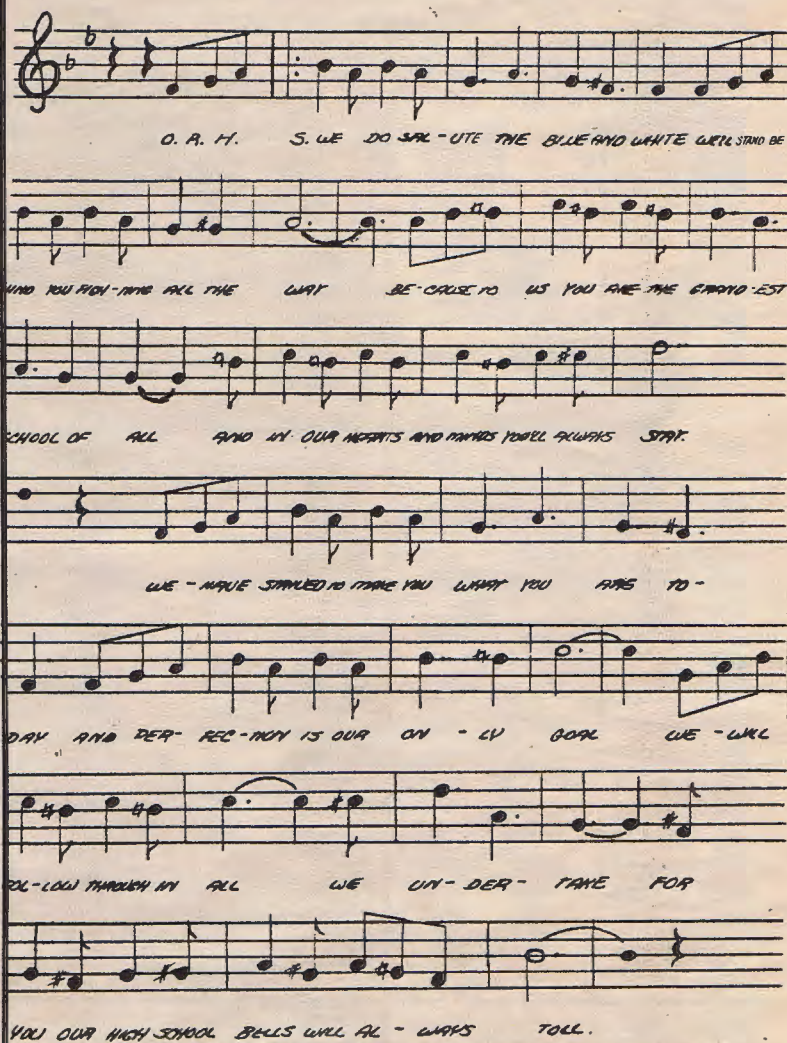
"She's doing great. She teaches like a seasoned teacher. I am learning things from her."

After their internships are over, plans have to be made for the future. For most that will mean leaving the area. Mr. Lyne will move to California to look for a job. Ms. DeVivo will go to Massachusetts. Mrs.



Here is one of those enthusiastic students every intern hopes for.

OYSTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL SALUTE



BIBLE

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Mrs. Brown doesn't consider a Bible study "related" because she can think of no class discussion for which

the Bible study is an extension. This view overlooks Health and Tai Chi, two classes promoting Eastern stress management. The Bible study by providing an opportunity to seek alternatives to these methods allows the students individual choice; many students are now sheep under the staff of Mr. Mroz and Mr. Fitzpatrick. In effect, the Bible study would be a continuation of a class discussion in students' heads, if not mouths.

Mrs. Brown's other prerequisite is an English course treating the Bible as literature. Here she has overlooked American and English Literature, Mythology, and Lit & the Land. A few of these classes treat the Bible simply as the myth du jour; others make a point of picking nits. Classes that cannot justify study of the Bible itself instead review nit-picking literature. By seeking edicts rather than the terms in which they are couched, would help the process of enlightening the sheep.

To determine

whether, contrary to The First Amendment, a law has been passed "respecting an establishment of religion," the Supreme Court established this test in 1974:

"...what are the purpose and primary effect of the enactment? If either is the advancement or inhibition of religion, then the enactment exceeds the scope of legislative power as circumscribed by the Constitution." (Everson v. Bd. of Education)

"Before and after school use of facilities is restricted to those student groups which are related to the school curriculum."

The definition of "religion" covers more than the common conception of a Western denomination, e.g. Webster's:

3. Any specific system of belief, worship, or conduct, often involving a code of ethics and a philosophy; loosely any system of beliefs, practices, ethical values, resembling, suggestive of, or likened to such a system;

5. any object of conscientious regard or pursuit."

The objectives of the Tai Chi discipline are nicely set out in the material used in

teaching.

"Our personal Chi is inseparable from the Chi of the universe and continually interchanges with it--that is the essence of life, a reciprocal flowing back and forth."

"In Tai Chi practice the Chi is lowered to the tan tien ("psychic centre") thus lowering one's centre of gra-

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vity."

I think it could be said that this goes a bit beyond "physical" education.

Mr. Mroz teaches transcendental meditation, a Hindu practice "with the objective of relieving tension and of increasing awareness." (Webster's). Although Mr. Mroz carefully avoids the terms "Hindu" and "Transcendental," his objectives are basically the same: to "relax,

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deal with stress, sort/clarify feelings, improve the connection between mind and body, and improve coordina-

tion for holistic functioning." He could as easily have said, "become aware of feelings, of the mind-body connection, of holistic coordination." developing the awareness necessary to achieve the desired results is possible only with dedicated study, i.e. "conscientious regard or pursuit."

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What would happen if instead of T.M., Mr.

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Mroz taught reliance on God as a way to deal with problems? We tend to associate "religion" with "God." If it

doesn't involve "God" we think that it isn't religion. Eastern beliefs and most "New Age" spiritualistic movements are dangerous because one can get roped in before realizing that one is actually deeply involved in a "religion," that the sheep-dog is actually a wolf.

Meditation has

positive results, e.g. Tai Chi promotes good health and posture, T.M. Mr. Mroz's advertised results, just as splitting atoms has positive attributes, e.g. power without pollution. In both cases, act itself involves certain risks if there is no protection. As a concrete dome prevents the escape of radiation, so the Bible study protects the right to individual choice. Although both acts could be abolished because of the risk, perhaps it is better in the long run if we learn how to use nuclear power with its protection properly, learn how to teach Eastern and Western religions at the same time to avoid giving diplomas to sheep.

The problem with the school board and district administrators is that they permit teachers to share, even teach, their religion, but students are not allowed this opportunity. What are they

telling the students and the public about their values? That they humor the teachers at the expense of students? That the school is there for teachers, and the fact that students learn is a secondary effect? That they don't care enough to really think about fairness?

Vandals cont. from pg.1

tem is in this year's budget and should be installed by the next school year.

Moharimet and Mast Way Elementary Schools were broken into sometime during the night of Saturday Feb.3rd or the morning of Sunday Feb.4th. The method of entry, as well as the activity inside, was similar in both break-ins. There was some entry damage, such as broken locks and doors, done to both buildings. Some small electronic devices were stolen.

The Madbury Town Hall, located across the street from the Moharimet School was also broken into during this same time period. Police and school officials have not concluded that these break-ins and the break-in at the High School are related in any way.



TRACK TEAMS FINISH

10th

IN STATE

by Marisa More

Last Friday and Saturday the girls' and boys' winter track teams competed in the N.H. State Meet at U.N.H.'s Paul Sweet Oval.

Both teams placed a respectable tenth qualifying several runners for the New England Championships.

The girls were led by Lisa Barney who placed second, fifth, and sixth in the long jump, high jump and 55m hurdles respectively. Other high scorers were Jen Thompson, third, and Stephanie Chasteen, eighth, in the 3000m. Muffy Geeslin, Ambre Proulx, and Amy Levesque also placed within the top fifteen.

Jim Poteet paced the boys' team with a second place finish in the 1000m. His ranking was the highest for Oyster River High School since the late 70's.

Close behind was Mike Levasseur who placed seventh in the 3000m, missing a chance to compete in the New England by one place.

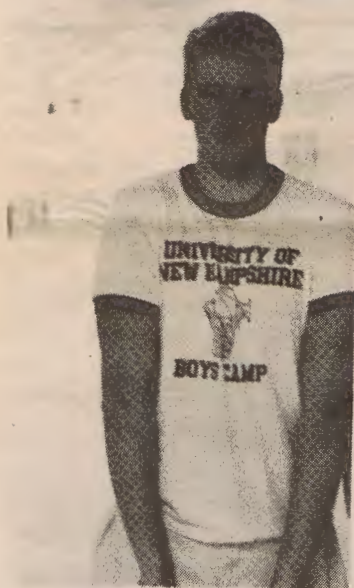
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ABOVE: The boys hockey team finished a rough season with a 3-15 record. They loss their last game on Saturday to Dover 3-1.
BELOW LEFT: Spectators look on as "Air" Gray puts on his own high flying act. **BELOW RIGHT:** The girls varsity play aggressive defense. **BOTTOM:** The boys basketball team having their own pose down.

MOUTH OF THE RIVER
 SALUTES WINTER SPORTS TEAMS

Girls B-Ball Lady Bobcats End Season With Loss to Kingswood

by Marisa More

"It was tough enough to make the transition from volleyball and winning, to basketball and losing," said Senior Captain Leslie Christenson. Freshman Jen Friel recognized that it was difficult but she felt that the team kept their spirits high, they didn't get down on each other.

Their last game on Friday followed the streak that they had for the rest of the season, they lost to Kingswood. "It was frustrating playing against them because they played a woman-to-woman defense," said Brenda Worden.

One problem that the team recognized was the lack of fans. "The fans

were parents. It would have been nice to have students. They are more rowdy," according to Friel.

Although the team was not successful in winning games this season, they were successful in other aspects. Coach Alicia DiTammasso said "I'm happy because they have been improving all season." That will help for next year's season.

With the loss of only two seniors the team will not be affected greatly. Also there are many promising freshmen who will continue to show their strength next year. A strong girls' team is in the making. Watch out for them next year.



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courtesy...something lacking in several of our opponent teams.

And through all the adversity, these girls have shown they have style...and I am very proud to call them my friends.

ARE THEY LOSERS
 NO WAY!

See you next year
 girls...same times,
 same places!
 MRS.B



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with wood, clay, plaster and maybe some architecture.

One addition to the English Department will be Mr. Tappan's advanced writing class which "gives students opportunities to explore their own goals" in their writing. This course may be substituted for the writing workshop requirement if a student's portfolio is approved.

Some English classes will only be offered in alternate years. Lit and the Land will not be offered next year due to the sabbatical of Mrs. Emma Rous.



Sports



BOBCATS TOP LACONIA 61-59

Face Sachems again Friday at Home; look for 7th place finish

by Bill Myers

The Boys Varsity Basketball Team beat Laconia 61-59 Monday night in Laconia. The victory marked the second straight, last second win for the Bobcats, now 10 and seven.

Trailing for most of the game, the 'Cats pulled even, 59-59 with 30 seconds to play. As Laconia moved the ball past half-court, senior guard Mike Jackson stole the ball and passed to senior forward Scott Goodman, who was fouled while attempting a lay-up.

As the tension grew, Goodman missed both foul shots before Jackson grabbed the rebound. Trying to get the offense on track, Jackson's pass to Goodman was knocked out of bounds, keeping the team's hope alive.

The inbound pass

went to senior forward John Gray who drove to the hoop, only to see another missed lay-up. The Bobcats have lost several close games this season, including three in overtime, but Monday night they were not to be denied. Grabbing his own rebound, Gray lofted a last-second fallaway which fell through with two seconds remaining.

Three days before the Bobcats beat Goffstown on the road as two Mike Jackson free throws with 10 seconds left sealed the 65-63 victory.

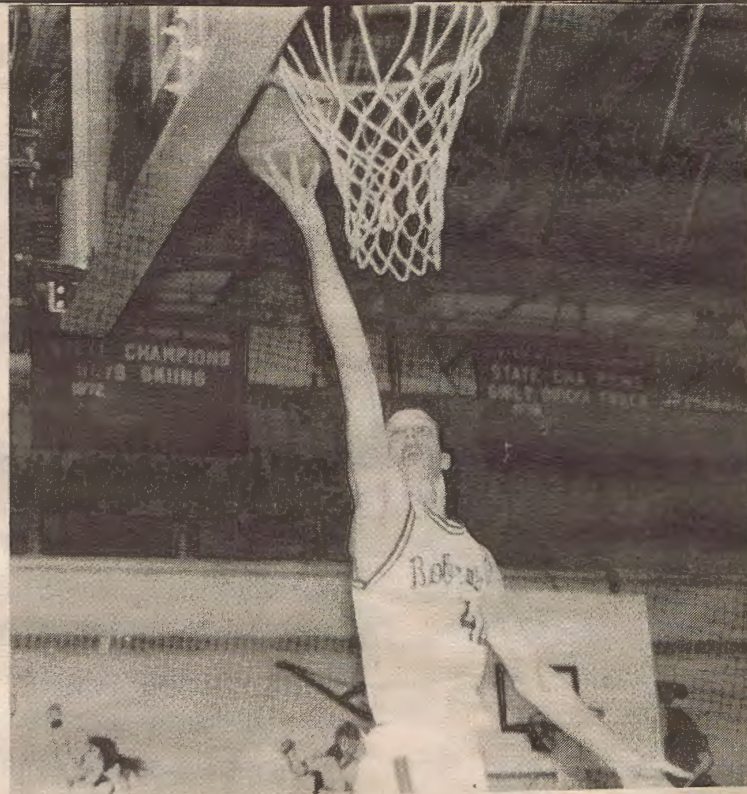
As the playoffs approach the boys team is confident. "We've played with everyone in the state except Pembroke, and we know we have the potential to win it all," explained Jackson.

With the five close

losses (either in overtime or by one point), the 'cats hope to write a Cinderella story of their own. "We still have some tricks up our sleeve, and we should be the surprise team of the tournament," commented senior guard Shawn Middleton.

To go all the way, the 'Cats will have to continue to play as a team, something they've been successful at in the last two games, but had trouble with earlier in the season. "We have to shoot when we're supposed to shoot and pass when we're supposed to pass," said Jackson.

The Bobcats final home game is Friday versus Laconia. Varsity will begin at 7:30; and the JV team, undefeated at 17-0, will play at 6:00.



Junior Center
Eric Holderson makes a layup during the Kennett game

Positive Basketball



Are They Losers
No Way

Why haven't the local newspapers done write-ups about this years girls varsity basketball team you ask? Because they lose, you say? Are they losers-no way.

This years girls varsity team are any-

thing but losers. Despite their negative basketball record, these girls are a very positive group. There are no cliques and no jealousies among these girls. They get together not only as a team but as a small group of friends who lend each other support when needed.

An international friendship was born when Rei Matsuda, an exchange student from Japan, joined the team. The girls did not hesitate to take Rei under their wing and to teach her so many "educational" things. The memories derived from this unique friendship will be forever treasured.

What a disappointment it must have been when Senior Capt's Kim Morrell and Leslie Christenson did not receive their traditional rose at the start of their last home game. Despite that, these girls played the game with their usual enthusiasm...what class.

The girls are to be praised for their sportsmanship on the courts. Having fouled an opponent badly, the

girls have not hesitated to ask the opponent if she is okay and to say "I'm sorry" despite the disapproval of the officials. How refreshing to say the least. Even an opposing spectator recently congratulated these girls on their sportsmanship. These girls' parents are to be congratulated for instilling in them manners and common

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SWIM TEAM PLACES SECOND IN STATE



Heather James

by Geoff Forcier

The Oyster River Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving teams each finished second overall in the New Hampshire state meet at the University of New Hampshire last Saturday.

The team entered the

competition with a record of three wins, one loss and one tie.

Coach Mike Parratto had high expectations going into the meet. He hoped for each athlete to beat his other previous best time. Parratto was looking for leadership from top senior captains Jason Seaver and Karen Tagliaferro and All-American candidate sophomore Larissa Herold, each of whom finished in the top twelve in their events.

Others finishing in the top twelve were seniors Kerry Swift (captain), Karen Swenson, and Danika Harris; junior Alex Reyna; sophomores

Brian Ogden and Mary McCleary; and ninth-grader Todd Whitford.

The divers earned a second place title with strong performances from junior Heidi James, and sophomores Deanna Foster and Amy Priestly.

Other team members include seniors: Karen Swenson, Marianne Smith, Jessica Winston, Sarah Gillespie, and Karen Gooze; juniors

Danielle Wesley, Cecilia Muzquiz, and Heather James; sophomores: Meredith Sawyer, Liz Bucar, Stacey Sweet (diver), Robert Acosta, and ninth graders: Chris Cloitre and Steve Crawford.



Jessica Winston wades in the water waiting for her turn.

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